

Referrals: S. 164, S. 212, S. 278, S. 328, and S. 347 were referred to the Committee on Resources. S. 220 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2877, H2878, H2878-79, H2909, H2909-10, H2910-11, and H2911. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Special Security Events. Testimony was heard from Ralph Basham, Director, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued hearings on NIH. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services, NIH: Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Director; Raynard Kington, M.D., Deputy Director; James Battey, M.D., Director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; and Francis Collins, M.D., Director, National Human Genome Research Institute; and Thomas Insel, M.D., Director, National Institute on Mental Health.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003.

DESIGNING 21ST CENTURY MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Designing a Twenty-First Century Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHECK CLEARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st

Century Act. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

HOMEOWNERSHIP THROUGH DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Promoting the American Dream of Homeownership through Down Payment Assistance." Testimony was heard from Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

ONDCP REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and CTAC." Testimony was heard from Scott Burns, Deputy Director, Office of State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Roger Guevara, Chief of Operations, DEF, Department of Justice; Christy McCampbell, Chief, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Department of Justice, State of California; Wayne Wiberg, Commander, Narcotics and Gang Investigation Section, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois; the following officials of the State of Maryland: Lt. Col. Steve Moyer, Chief, Homeland Defense/Intelligence Bureau, State Police; and Anthony Romano, Chief, Organized Crime Division, Baltimore Police Department; Ron Burns, Chief, Lakewood Police Department, State of Colorado; and Peter Modafferi, Chief of Detectives, Rockland County, District Attorney's Office, State of New York.

CALIFORNIA'S ELECTRICITY MARKET

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on "California's Electricity Market: Refunds and Reform." Testimony was heard from Patrick Wood III, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Federal Government for Fiscal Year 2002." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Linda M. Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and Donald V. Hammond, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled

“Cyber Security: The Challenges Facing Our Nation In Critical Infrastructure Protection.” Testimony was heard from Mark A. Forman, Associate Director, Information Technology and Electronic Government, OMB; Robert Dacey, Director, Information Security Issues, GAO; Thomas Pyke, Chief Information Officer, Department of Commerce; Richard Clarke, former Special Advisor to the President for Cyberspace Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the “Reauthorization of the United States Department of Justice: Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, Civil Division, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Executive Office for United States Trustees, and Office of Solicitor General.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Thomas Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; Stuart Schiffer, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division; Guy Lewis, Director, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys; and Lawrence Friedman, Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; H.R. 437, Coltsville Study Act of 2003; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument. Testimony was heard from Representatives Larson of Connecticut and Kingston; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Bob Anderson, Acting Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection, Bureau of Land Management; and Jeffrey Taylor, Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, National Park Service; Gloria Manning, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; former Senator Mack Mattingly, State of Georgia; and a public witness.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act of 2003. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Com-

mittee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner, Representatives Watt, Lofgren, Jackson-Lee of Texas and Van Hollen.

LITIGATING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on Litigating the Americans with Disability Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; and public witnesses.

ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing to examine implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Cornelia Ashby, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

2003 TAX RETURN FILING SEASON AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the 2003 Tax Return Filing Season and the IRS Budget for Fiscal Year 2004. Testimony was heard from Robert E. Wenzel, Acting Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, GAO; Karen Hastie Williams, member, IRS Oversight Board; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HUMAN CAPITAL

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization to examine the federal government's strategic human capital management and consider pending legislation on the federal workforce, and building on the current momentum to address high-risk issues, after receiving

testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States; Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, Office of Personnel Management; Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, Carol A. Bonosaro, Senior Executives Association, Hannah S. Sistare, National Commission on the Public Service, Max Stier, Partnership for Public Services, and Major General Robert A. McIntosh, USAF (Ret.), Reserve Officers Association of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.; Karen Heiser, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; Steven J. Kelman, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jeff Taylor, Monster, Maynard, Massachusetts.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Labor, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine missile defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Internal Revenue Service, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Special Operations Command, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the readiness of the military services to conduct current operations and execute contingency plans, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine transportation and border security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider H.R.145, to designate the Federal building located at 290 Broadway in New York, New York, as the "Ted Weiss Federal Building", S. 703, to designate the regional headquarters building for the National Park Service under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Carl T. Curtis National Park Service Midwest Regional Headquarters Building", S. 763, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse", S. 616, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting the use of mercury fever thermometers and improving the collection and proper management of mer-

cury, S. 515, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, H.R.289, to expand the boundaries of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, S. 163, to reauthorize the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, S. 791, to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence, S. 156, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions, the nominations of Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prahl, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, Richard Narcia and Herbert Guenther, both of Arizona, Bradley Udall, of Colorado, and Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, and the nomination of John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the annual report for 2003 of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance Trust Funds, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider proposed legislation to authorize appropriations for the Department of State, and United States international broadcasting activities, S.J. Res. 3, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to human rights in Central Asia, H.R. 441, to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Eric M. Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund, and a Foreign Service Officer appointment/promotion list, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine United States policy with respect to the trafficking in women and children in East Asia, and the nomination of Pamela J. H. Slutz, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joseph LeBaron, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Gregory W. Engle, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, Wayne E. Neill, of Nevada, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Helen R. Meagher La Lime, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, and William M. Bellamy, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Heather M. Hodges, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Ralph Frank, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the